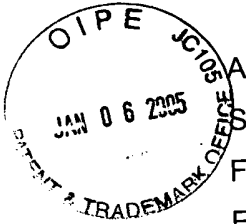


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- Group I - claims 1-9
- Group II - claims 10 and 11
- Group III - claims 12-21.

Accordingly, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-9.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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